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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Enclosed please find a Request for Continuing Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The attached Amendment and Response addresses the rejections made in the Final Office Action dated April 11, 2002.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the final Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 11, 2002 to September 11, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 1 and 3-4. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended Twice) A method for allowing selective access by a client of a collection agency to information including debt collection information from debt collection by the collection agency from one or more debtors, comprising:

storing a plurality of account data items in a database, each data item being associated with an account belonging to [a] the client of the collection agency, the plurality of data items including information relating to debt collection from the one or more debtors;